

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

ASSABET RIVER NWR

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Saturday, November 2 nd 9:00 AM -	Training for Naturalist Educators with Stephen DeFlorio Program runs four seasons on four Saturdays with four themes. Suitable for teachers and adults working with children, this course will give you: • Skills and methods to teach out-door natural history to children 4-12 years of age.
3:00 PM	 Cover four seasonal topics with a different theme loaded with materials and ideas. Opportunities to design and conduct programs at the Assabet River NWR to add to your current experience. This Fall Session is an immersion into the forest. We will learn about dichotomous keys and key out trees. Adopt a special tree and place to map and journal about journeying to a special place. Play the secret sort game, classifying, tree tag, patterns of trees aging pine trees. Make tree cookies learning about natural history of tree rings. Learn about twigs and parts though drawing. Play the basic need plant game. Stephen DeFlorio is a veteran educator and naturalist with over 20 years of experience with Mass Audubon and now a Teacher/Naturalist at Apple Valley Montessori School. Limited space is still available for the November programs, so sign up soon. Registration is required. Fee: \$35/class, \$120 for all four classes; FARNWR Member Fee: \$25/class, \$90 for all four. To register or for more information, email: info@farnwr.org.
Monday, November 11 th 9am-1pm	Puddlestompers Veterans Day Kids Program Pack a bag and come on a migration journey! Search the skies for migrating birds! Learn bird calls and touch feathers and bones! Roll over logs to dig for worms! PUDDLESTOMPERS Drop-Off Vacation Programs explore the wonders of nature in a fun, safe setting. The day includes hands-on activities, movement, art, stories, games and snack. A take home handout is provided each day to extend learning and discovery into the home. A snack is provided; please bring a nut-free lunch. Children must be potty-trained to attend. \$60/child; 10% Discount for Friends
	Members.
Sunday, November 17 th	Historic Bunker Tour with Jan Wright Join local historian Jan Wright for an informative slideshow followed by a talk and tour of one of the ammunitions storage bunkers at Assabet River NWR. Only 30 Spaces are available, to register please contact Jan at janicemariew@verizon.net by November 15 th 4pm.
11am-1pm	
Wednesday	Friends November Presentation - Dr. Robert Thorson talking about The 'Natural' History of New
November 20 th at 7pm	England's Stone Walls: Stone walls mean many things to many people. They are pleasant surprises during many a New England ramble. They are the subject of poems and photo essays. Professor Thorson will tell the story of their inevitability, of how they simply had to happen when a livestock-tillage economy was superimposed on a buried scatter of glacial stones. He will include a local focus as he discusses Thoreau's
	love for the iconic stone walls of the greater Concord River watershed and his prescient understanding of

the creation story of the Assabet watershed: both topics of Thorson's newly released book, "Walden's Shore: Henry David Thoreau and Nineteenth Century Science." Dr. Thorson's books will be available for purchase starting at 6:30PM. Proceeds of these sales benefit the Friends of the Assabet River NWR. Books available will include "Exploring Stone Walls," "Stone By Stone," "Stone Wall Secrets," "Beyond Walden: The Hidden History of America's Kettle Lakes and Ponds." Robert Thorson is a professor at the University of Connecticut where he holds appointments in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, the Department of Anthropology, and the Center For Integrated Geosciences. Dr. Thorson has brought his enthusiasm for geology to fields as varied as History and Civil Engineering while teaching at universities from Alaska to Chile, where he was a senior Fulbright scholar. He is currently a visiting scholar in the

	American Studies program at Harvard University. His field work has included the U.S. Geological Survey and agencies ranging from the Japanese Ministry of Culture to the National Geographic Society. In 2002, he published "Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History in New England's Stone Walls," which became a regional bestseller and won the Connecticut Book Award for nonfiction. This began a decade of advocacy for the preservation of historic landscapes. More recently, Dr. Thorson has expanded his writings to another signature New England landform, kettleponds. Dr. Thorson is also an environmental columnist for the Hartford Courant. <i>Note that this meeting is being held on the third Wednesday of the month (instead of the usual fourth Wednesday of the month).</i> Talks are free and open to the public. A short business meeting will take place before the presentation.
Friday, November 22 nd at	REFUGE FLEDGLING HOUR Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. Programs will be held the 4 th Friday of every month 10:30am – 11:30am for 2 to 5 year olds ; siblings welcome.

OXBOW NWR

Entrance: Still River Depot Road parking lot (at end of Still River Depot Road in Harvard, MA). For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259 or Ada at ada@friendsoftheoxbow.org. Private tours of the refuge can be arranged by request.

GREAT MEADOWS NWR

Concord Impoundments on Monsen Road, off Rte. 62 in Concord, MA *Sudbury Headquarters*: 73 Weir Hill Road in Sudbury, MA

Saturday,	Monthly Nature Walks: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord) Join naturalist Cherrie Corey
November	for her continuing exploration of the Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge landscape. marsh moves through
9 th 2pm-4pm	many changes in the autumn months. Colors peak and fade, migrants fill the sky then are gone, muskrat lodges appear, spiders drape the landscape with gossamer, and sunsets deepen their fiery glow. For each walk, a \$5/person voluntary donation is requested. No pre-registration required. Meet at the information kiosk by the parking lot, Great Meadows NWR in Concord (Monsen Rd, off Rte. 62, driveway on left where road curves right). Questions? see sense-of-place-concord.blogspot , email cherrie.corey@verizon.net or call 978-760-1933. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Assabet River NWR, Musketaquid Arts and Environment Program, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
September – December 2013	Haiku Walk at Great Meadows and Thoreau Farm: Join haiku poet, Brad Bennett for a seasonal haiku experience and saunter at Great Meadows NWR in Concord. Following an inspirational walk, the group will gather at Thoreau Farm to share poems and other creations. Fee: \$35, no prior experience necessary. For a reservation or more information, contact Brad at bgalaxy@verizon.net or call 781-646-5032. Meet at Great Meadows NWR in Concord, near the information kiosk off the main parking lot.

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

Contact Us:

10:30am

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